

Song and Story.

JIMMY.

Jimmy, and I were fiddlers for play,
Never tired it, rain or shine;
Jimmy was six last birthday,
While I was only sixty-nine!

So little Master common sense
Gives himself superior airs,
Guiding my inexperience
By his wisdom under his own white hairs.

Some sage
Over-sentiment for number one,
Tells me to account my leader says,
And I am most strenuously "done."

No matter how it may chance to be,
Jimmy's argument never fails;
The copper is always wrong for me,
And Jimmy is winner, heads or tails.

Well, I have lived to be old and man,
Tost and grandad, and yet I own,
Never was I living three years and ten
He's still a boy.

And such an argument impresses me,
I don't know why to look at him;

What will the Twentieth Century be?

The nineteenth century are all like Jim.

Mark Twain.

History of a Scriptural Panorama—A Traveling Show—The Undeceived Musicians.

Mark Twain, in the Alta California, tells the following entertainment history of the Scriptural panorama:

There was a fellow travelling around in that country, said Mr. Nickerson, with a moral, religious show—a sort of scriptural panorama—and he hired a wooden headed old slab to be Lexington, "this side up with care."

To see the boy carried out, and that nothing serious happened, the box, about half a dozen or more of young Avantillians went up with the box on the train. But proving a little indiscreet in showing too much attention to the box, the conductor "snuck a mice," and had it put off at the little village of Higginville. Any way, the boys were not to be defeated in having their fun. The night was lovely, and fair Luna was leading her yellow rays to the solemnity of the occasion. Several chairs were sent for, and the box coffin was placed upon the chairs on the platform, and all arrangements speedily made. The men stood around with heads uncovered, and the scene was as quiet as the tomb. There lay, the sleeping beauties, placed in the role of a "live corpse." The band of faithful followers then began in a solemn and mournful voice with the sacred song of

"At fall the bosom, faithful tomb."

The corse moved, opened his eyes, then snatched his mouth. A moment more and he was fully interested.

He was brought a sitting the first fort—singing still going on—he eyed the crowd and then his box, he grew pale, and began to shake. "Boys, what's the matter? Am I dead?"

No answer, and singing still going on. "Angels where am I?" "Near the cold and dismal tomb," came from a deep and solemn voice. "Let us pray," was said, and at these words the coffin went one way and the subject the other. Up the street went like the d—l was after him—and surely the poor soul thought it—for every cuss of them took after him with all the uncouth yell that ever greeted mortal ears. He called on legs to faithfully serve the body once, and they did it up in style.

The last seen f' him he was going over the hill, with his hair streaming in the wind, and with looks as wild as a maniac.

It happened he got on the road that led back to Avantille, and the poor fellow on arriving there was so scared and exhausted that he required close attention until his nerves could be regained. He has now made up his mind to join the Good Templars and study for the ministry.

in a huff to go, and every body else laughed till the windows rattled.

The showman went down and grabbed the orchestra and shook him up, and says:

"That lets you out, you know, you chowder-headed old clod! Go to the doorkeeper and get your money, and cut your stick—vamoos the ranch! Ladies and gentlemen, circumstances over which I have no control, compel me to dismiss."

Avantille Jokers.

A case of Premature Interment.

From the Selma (Mo.) Daily, 18th.

There has been hanging around the quiet little village of Avantille, for some time, a man by the name of Rogers, who is very much addicted to drinking, and in fact to such an excess that he became a bore to the town. In order to get rid of him, a plan was devised by some of the fun-loving boys of that place, and it was decided that when next found drunk he should be placed in a box and shipped per express.

They had not long to wait for the opportunity, and he was given the fit of a very neat pine box, which contained a few holes prepared for ventilation. He was placed aboard the train and billed for Lexington, "this side up with care."

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Pat and the Pig.

A countryman having killed a pig, and not wishing to divide with his neighbors, as was the custom in that country, said to his man (who by the way, was a son of the Emerald Isle): "Pat, if I give the neighbors who have given to me a piece of my pork, I'll have none left for myself. Can you tell me what I am to do?"

"Be bold, sir," said Pat, "it's myself that can do the same thing."

"Good," says the countryman, rubbing his hands and looking at Pat, "Now tell me what I can do."

"Faith, sir, Pat said, "sure and when the craythor is clanged, just he after hanging it against the door where every mother's son of them will set, and early in the morning, before any is about, get up and take in your pig, and hide it away. Then when your neighbors come, just be after telling them the pig was sthole."

"Capital idea, Pat," exclaimed the countryman, "I'll do it, by St. George."

So when the pig was cleaned it was hung up outside the door, so that the neighbors might see it. The countryman anxiously awaited the approaching night, and at last retired to bed, but not to sleep. Pat, under cover of the darkness of the night, crept round the house and stole the pig.

What was the astonishment of the countryman, when at early dawn he arose to hide away his pig, but found no pig there, can be better imagined than described. In the midst of his bewilderment, Pat came in with his usual, "top o' the morning to ye, sir," and giving him a knowing wink, said:

"Mather, how about the pig? " "Well, Pat, the pig was sthole in reality."

"Faith and that sounds just as natural as if you had lost your pig."

"But, you blockhead, I tell you the pig was stolen."

"Faith and be gorry master, the devil a bit' me thought you could do so well. Just stick to that, it's as natural as life."

"By St. George," roared the iron countryman, "I tell you that the pig was sthole."

"Och! jahers," says Pat, "stick to it, and yer neighbors will believe you, and a devil a bit of it they'll get. Faith, I didn't think you could do so well."

DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE.—An officer and a lawyer talking of the disastrous battle of Auerstadt, the former was lamenting the number of brave soldiers who fell on this occasion, when the lawyer observed that when the law must expect to die by the sword.

"By a simile," says Pat, "stick to it, and half confounded, and half inquiring look upon the countenance of the awakened Lazarus. Observe, also the attitude and expression of the Savior, who takes him gently by the sleeve of his broad with one hand, while he points with the other toward the distant city."

Before any body could get off an opinion in the case, the innocent old man at the piano struck up:

"Come along with me!"

It was rough on the audience, you bet. All the solemn old flats got up

Legal.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.
STATE OF MISSOURI, 1872.

In the Circuit Court of Lafayette county, August term, 1872, day, August 26th, 1872.

James T. Johnson, Michael A. Moore and Charles H. Mendenhall, Plaintiffs, vs. John and Charles H. Mendenhall, Defendants.

WHEREAS, Monroe Walker, Martin Scott and George W. Walker, Thomas Warkip, Martin Scott and the African church at Dover, by their deed of trust, dated the 24th day of April, A. D. 1870, and recorded in Deed Book No. 1, page 10, in the Recorder's office for Lafayette county, in the State of Missouri, in the following described real estate, to-wit, a northwesterly quarter of the northeast corner of section 14, town 10, range 28, containing forty acres more or less, and bordering to the west on the east by the lot of James Clegg's line or farm, and on the north to a lot not otherwise described, and on the south to a lot not otherwise described, and on the east by the lot of John and Charles H. 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